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DMS Progress

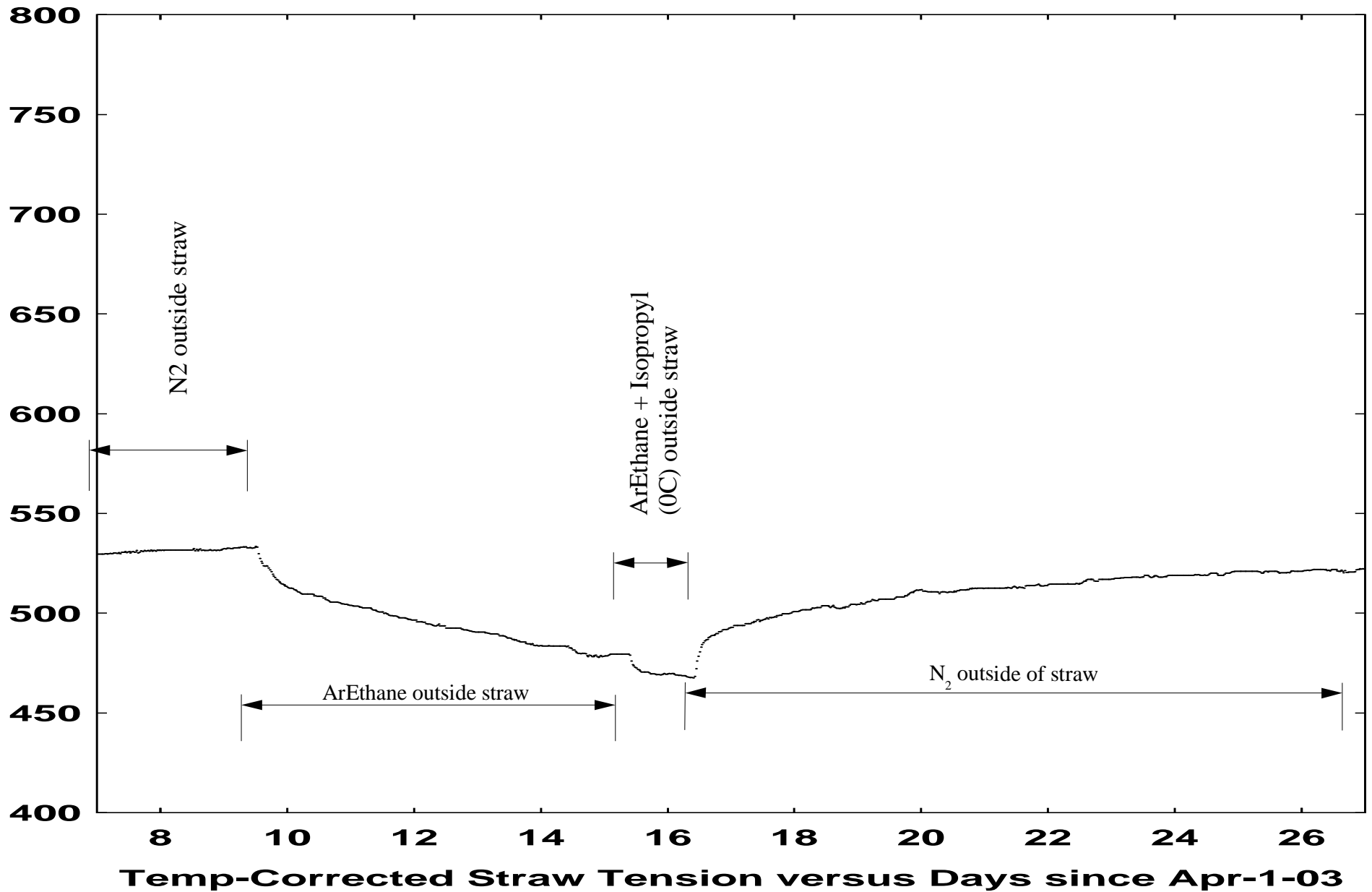
- **Address some concerns raised at Temple Review**
- **Cosmic Test Stand**
- **Electronics Design**
- **Progress towards engineering design**

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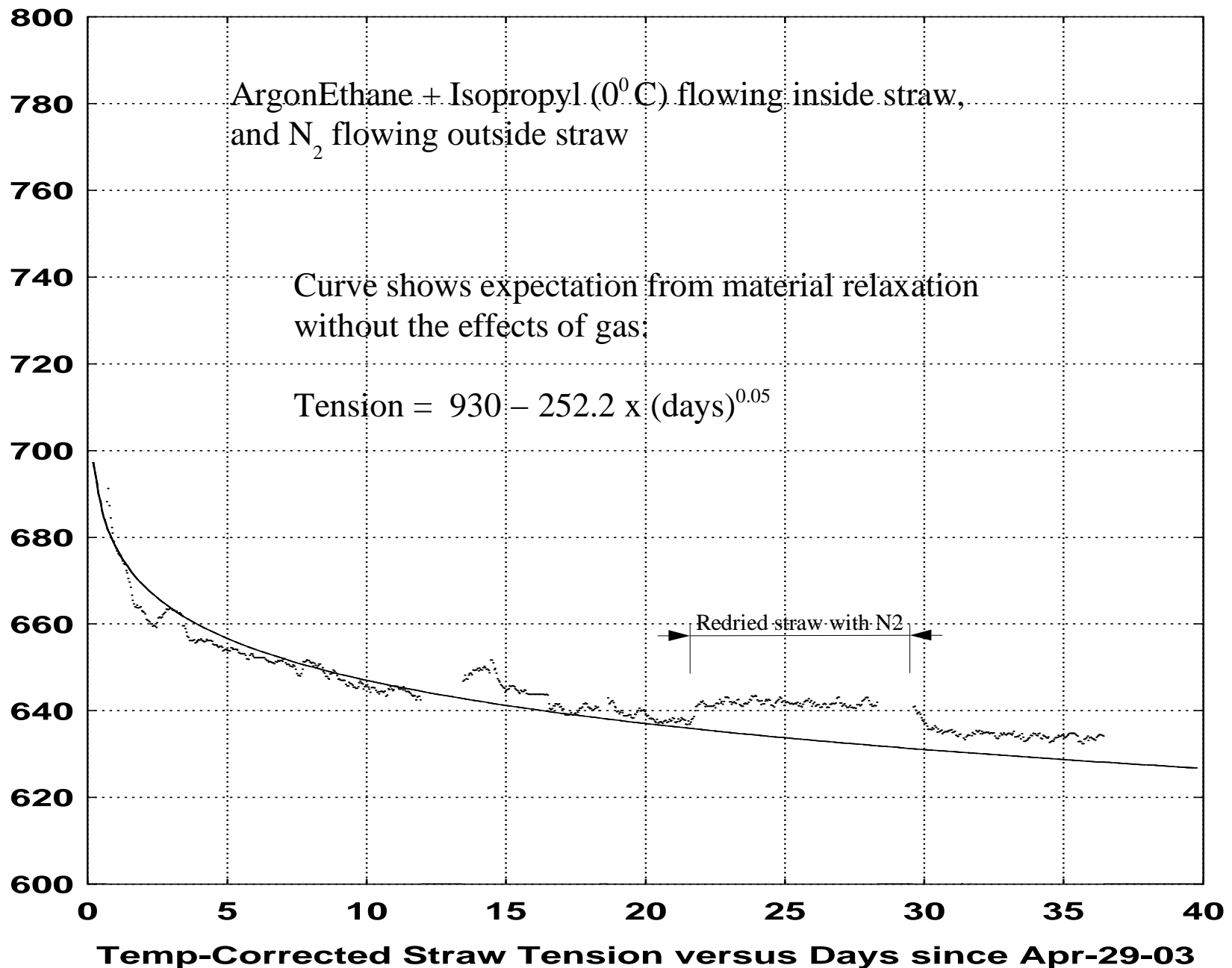
Concern Raised at Temple Review

- **BTeV observed that their straw tension relaxed when flowing with ethane-based chamber gas. Straw would rapidly lose tension during experiment.**
- **BTeV straw:**
Carbon inner layer, Aluminum middle layer, Kapton outer layer
- **CKM straw:**
Copper inner layer, 2 Kapton outer layers
- **We suspected that Kapton will lose tension if directly exposed to ethane.**
- **But copper inner layer should greatly reduce this effect.**
- **2 month study of this effect. Conclusion: not a problem for us.**

Straw Relaxation: Ethane in Direct Contact with Kapton



Straw Relaxation: Ethane separated from Kapton by Copper Layer



Update of Cosmic Running

Got safety approval to
operate with flammable
gas in straw in vacuum

Recently received CF₄–
Ethane

Show results only from
ArCO₂ and ArEthane

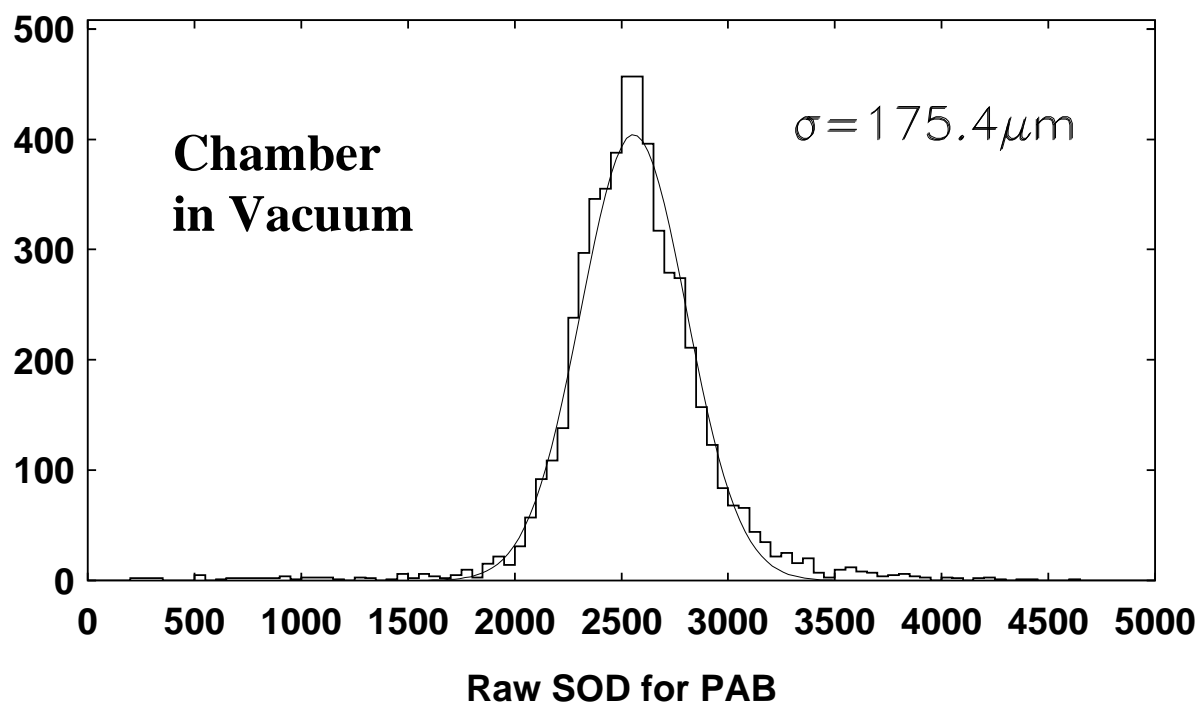
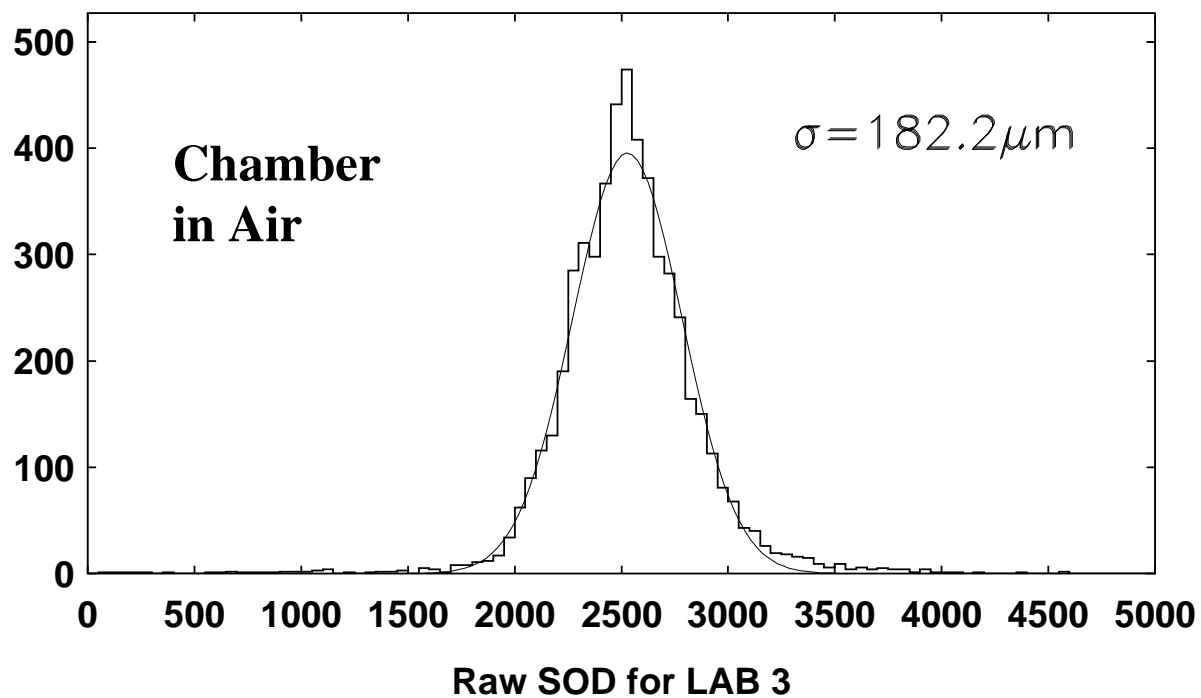
Chamber in air

Chamber in
vacuum
tank



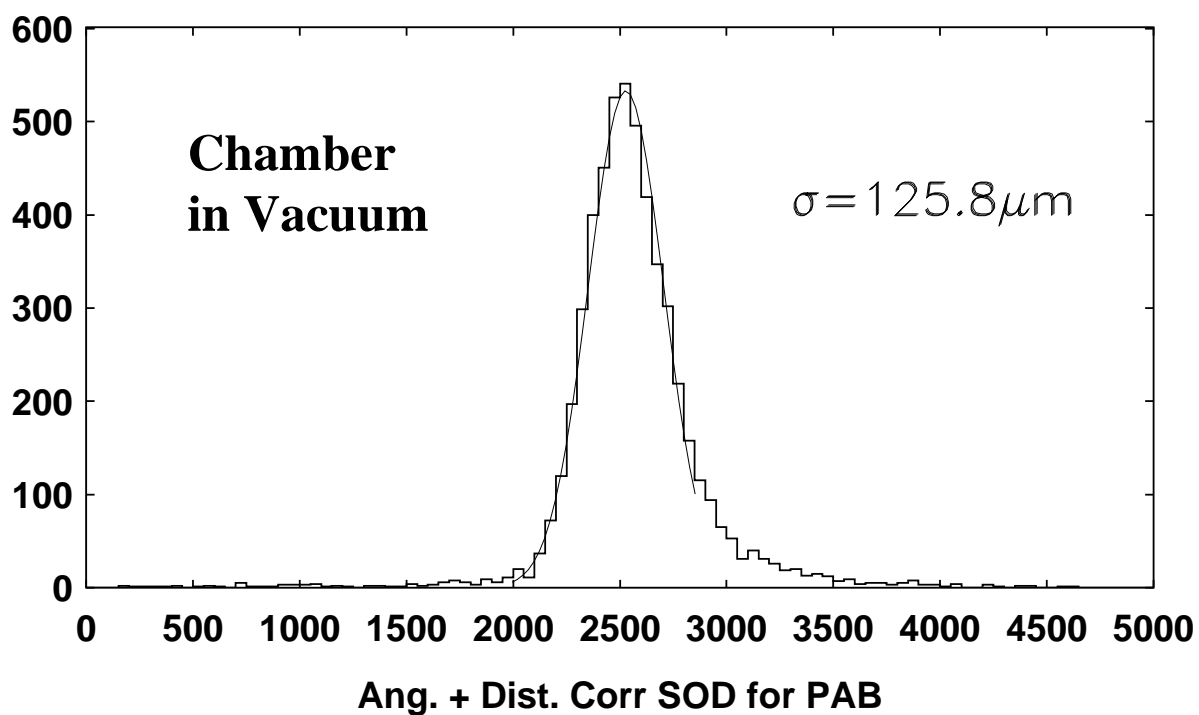
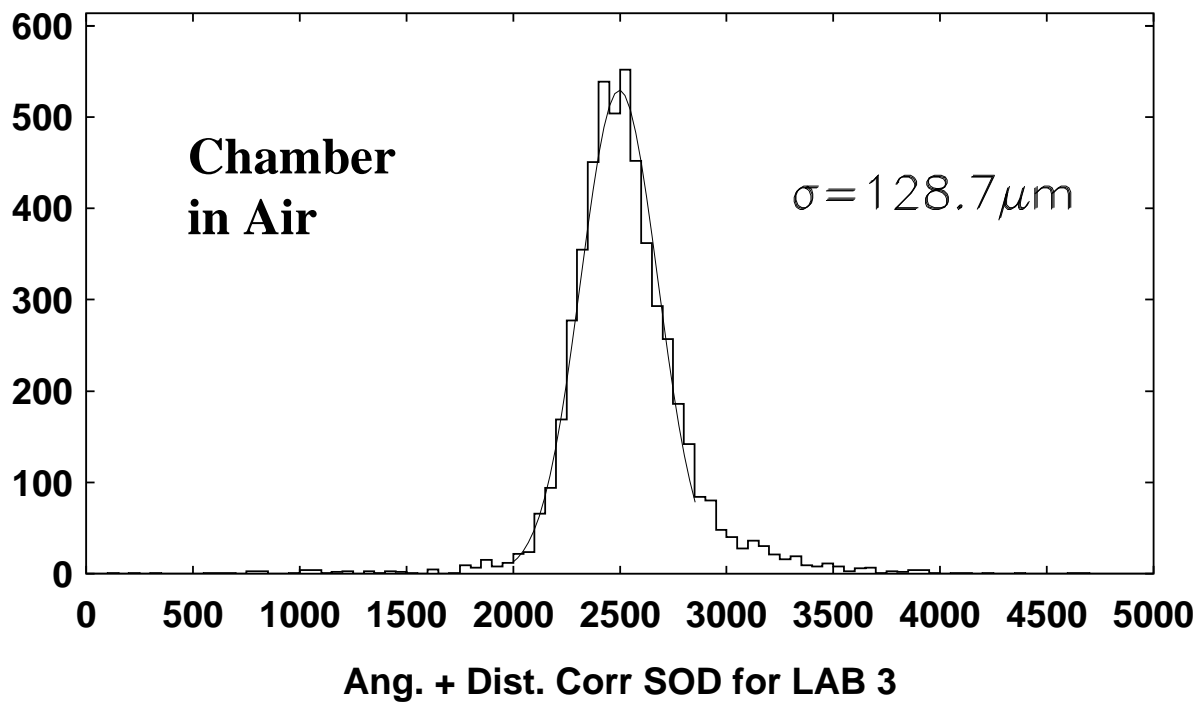
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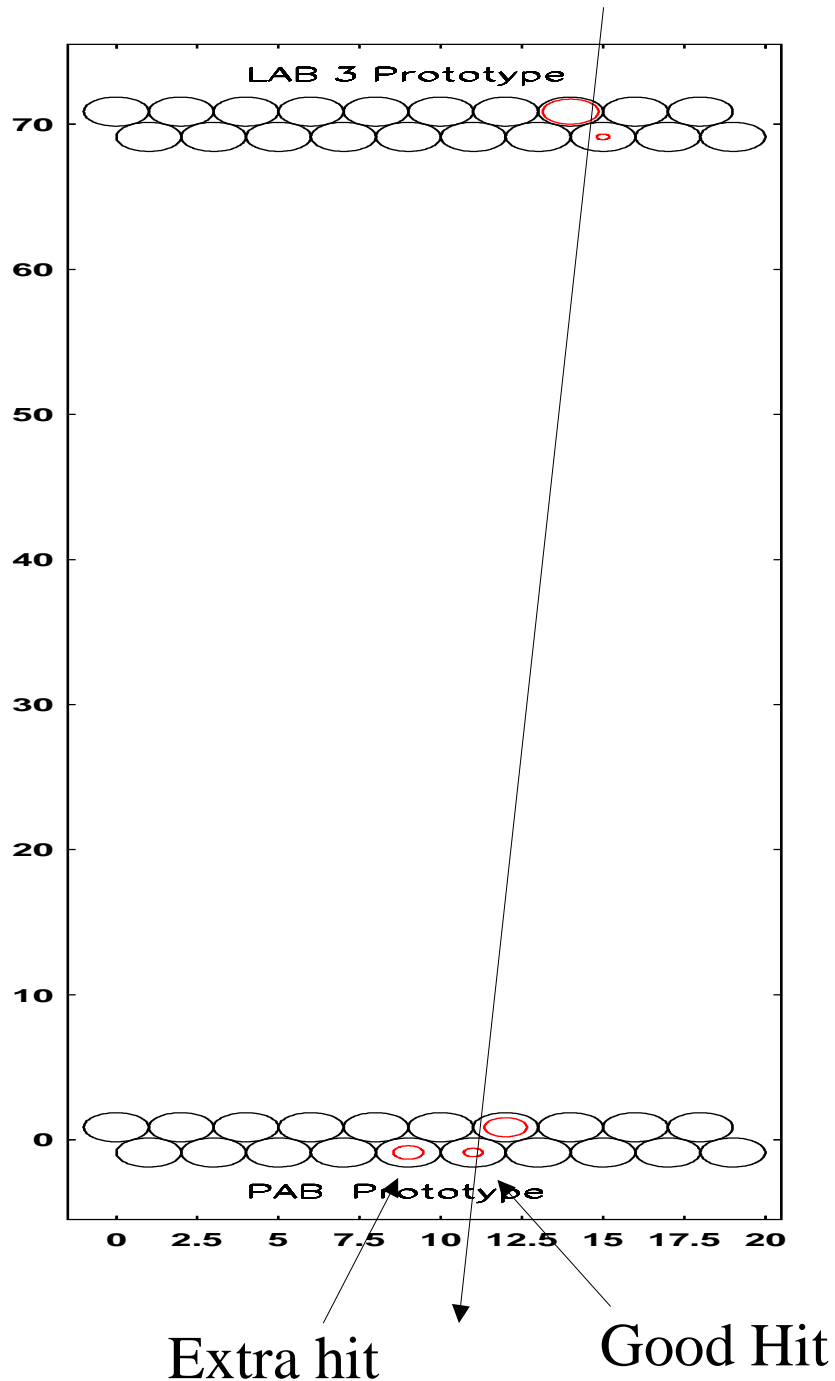
Raw Sum of Distances



ArEthane + Isopropyl at 0C

Corrected Sum of Distances



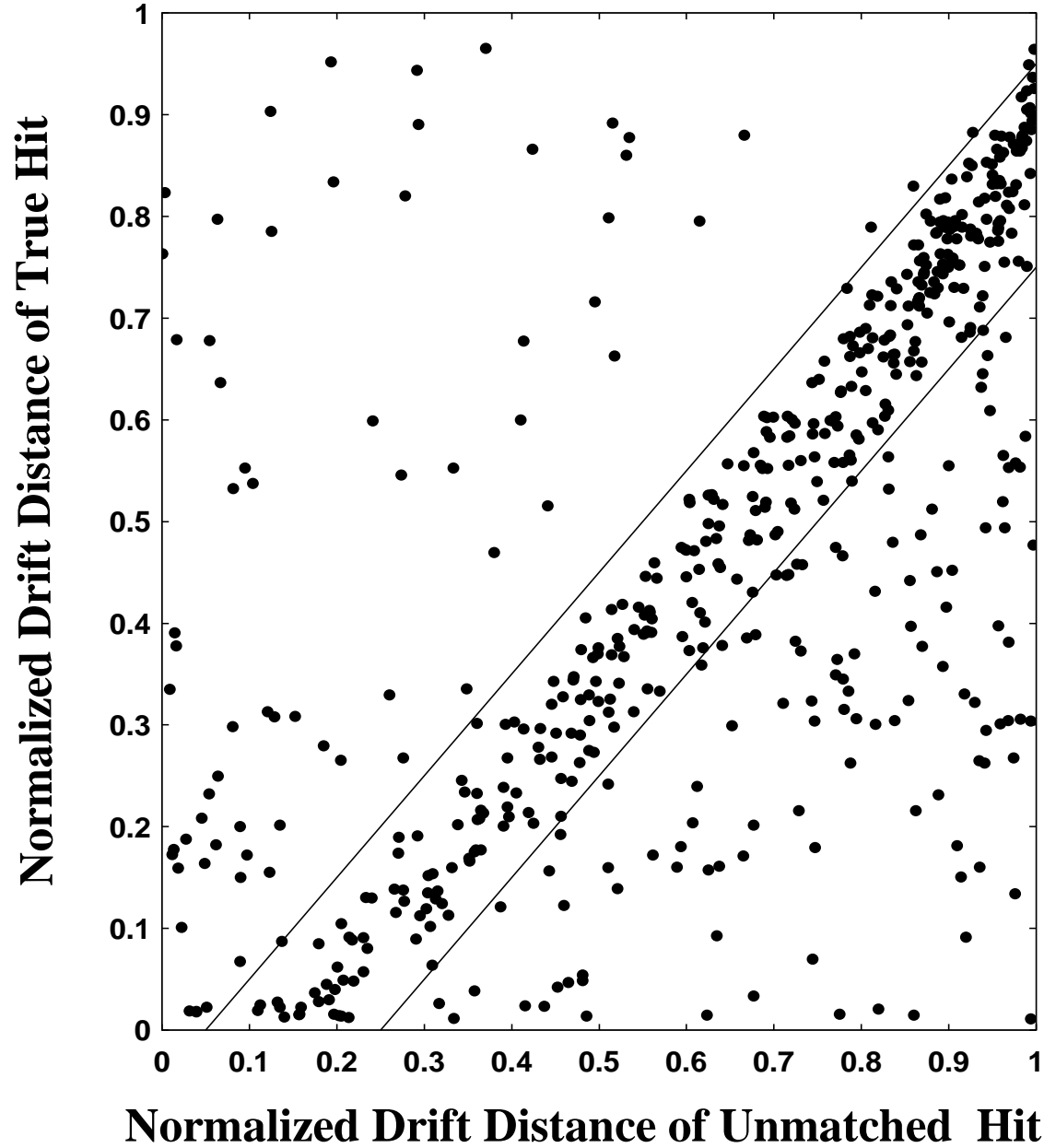


Extra Intime Hits

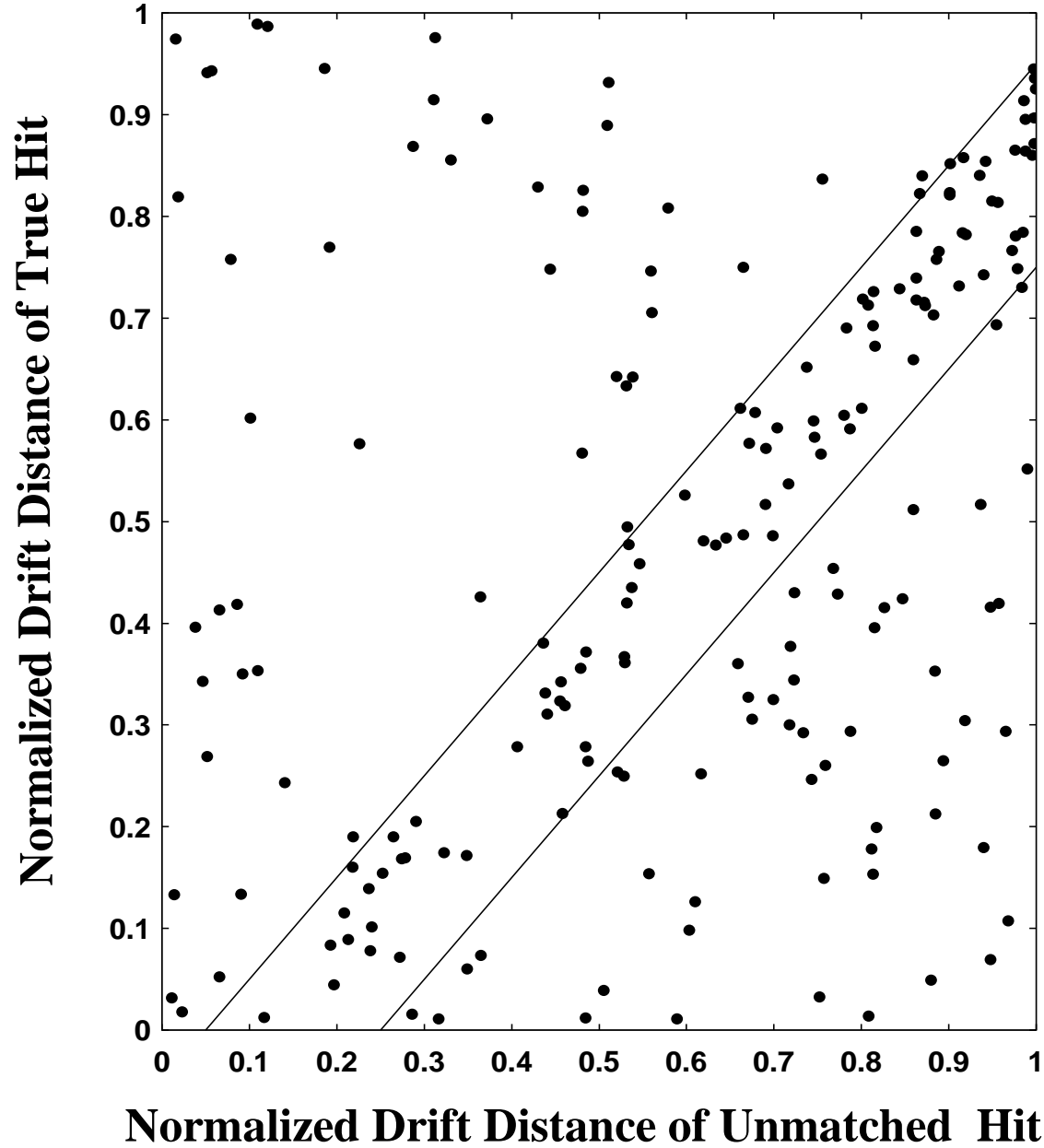
- Source of pattern recognition errors
- Can be electronics noise or real extra hit (δ -rays)

Study the distance
correllation between
good hit and extra hit

Distance Correlation Between True Hit and Noise Hit



Distance Correlation Between True Hit and Noise Hit

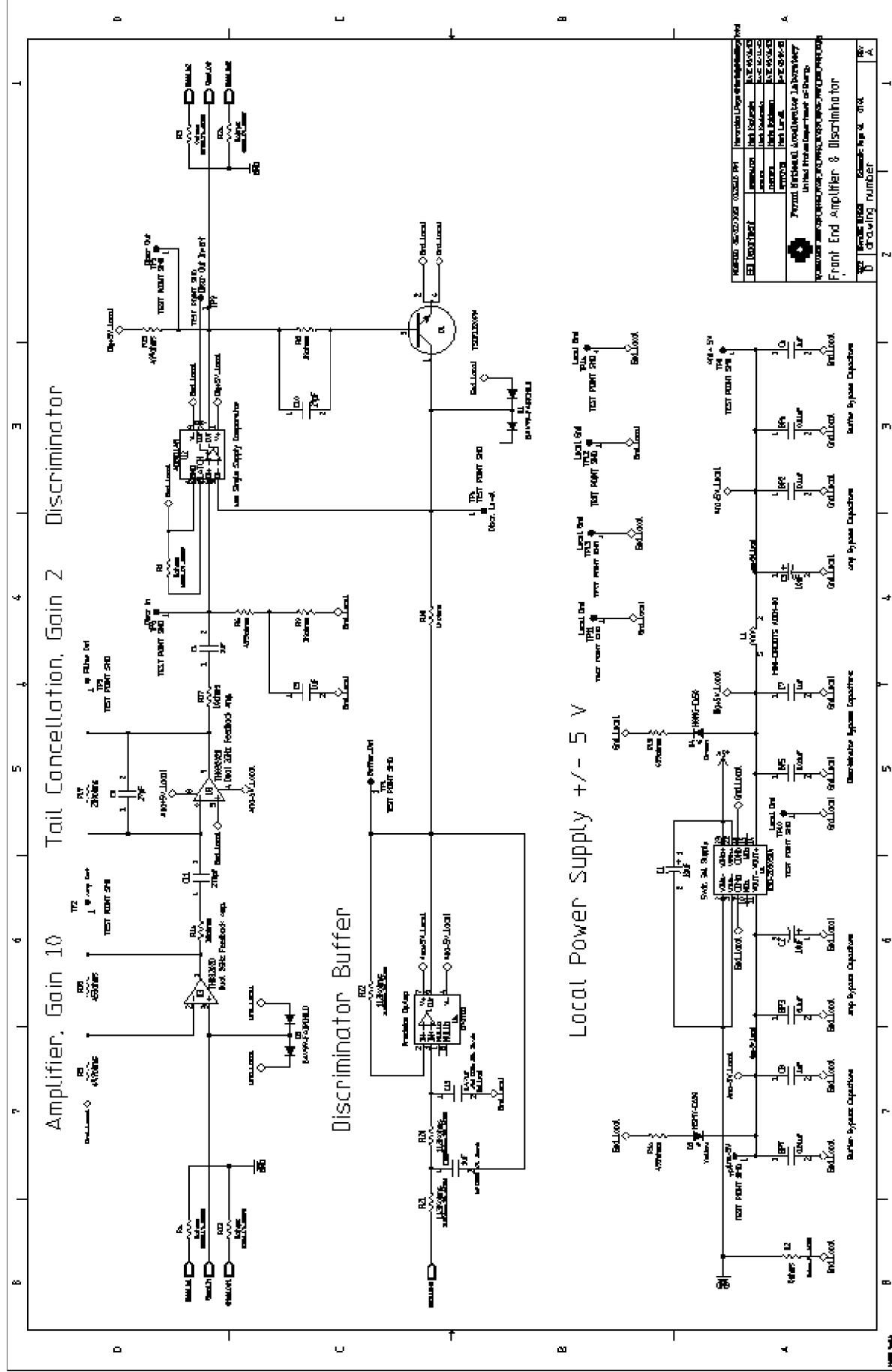


**Argon-CO₂
with Isopropyl
at OC**

**Rate of Noise
Hits: 2.5%
per straw
layer**

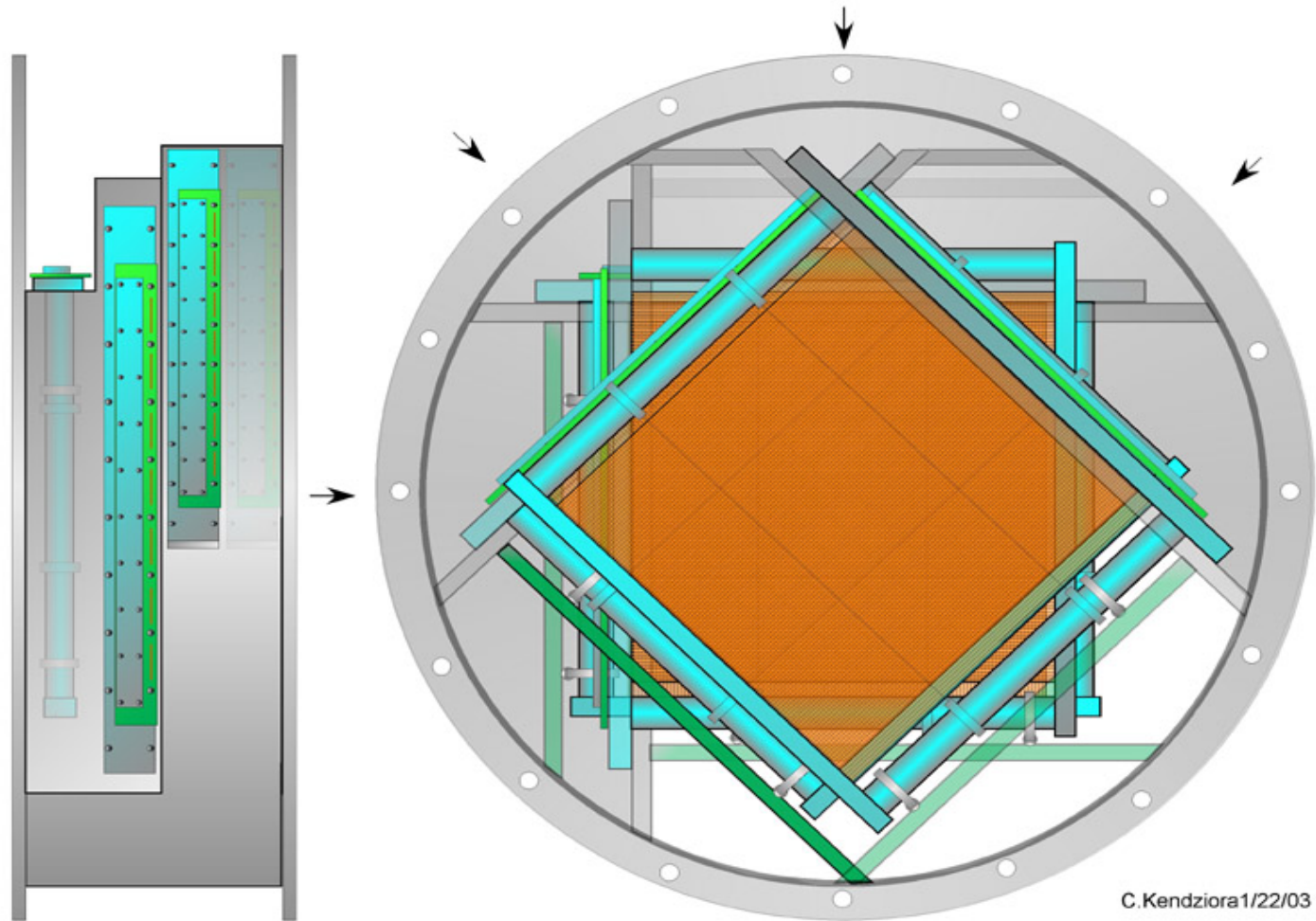
Future Plans for Cosmic Test Stand

- **Continue data collection and refine analysis to extract other important parameters.**
- **Collect data with CF4–Ethane**
- **Will modify one chamber to receive new front–end electronics designed by Mark Kozlovsky, which have substantive differences from the BNL871 design:**
 - Fewer gain stages**
 - Add hysteresis to discrimination threshold**
 - More channel–to–channel isolation, including power**
 - Reduce use of single–ended transmission.**
 - Use LVDS standard.**
 - Higher channel count (16) per FE board.**
 - Mother board to house FE boards.**
- **Eventually move to test beam**



Progress Towards Engineering Design

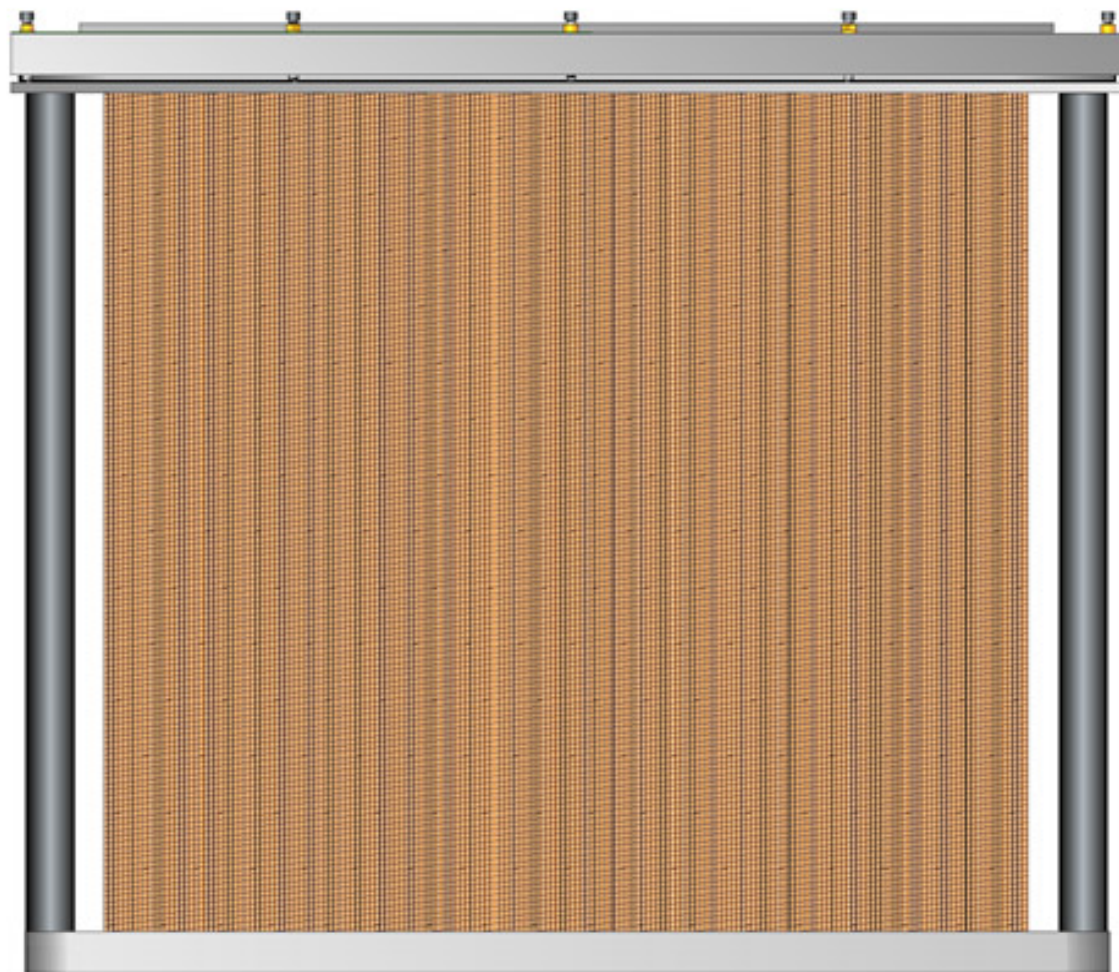
- Electronics design is proceeding nicely. Expect prototype PC boards in . . .
- Currently, we have a reasonably advanced conceptual mechanical design from Cary.



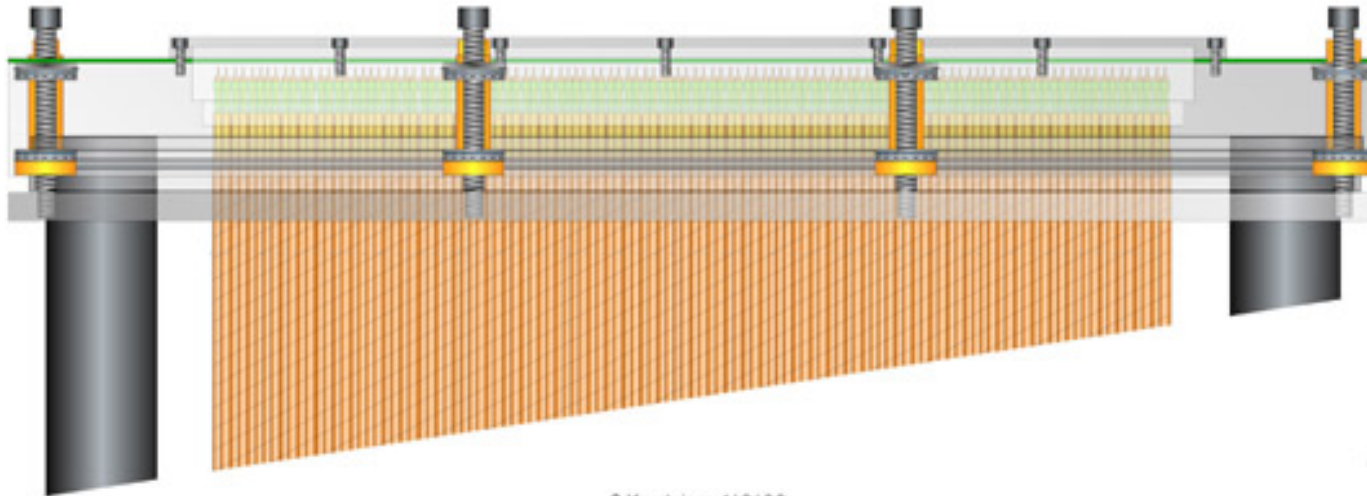
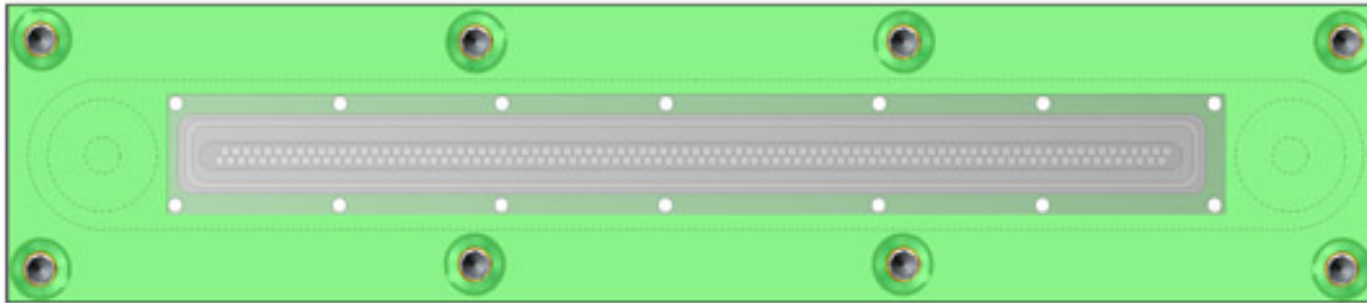
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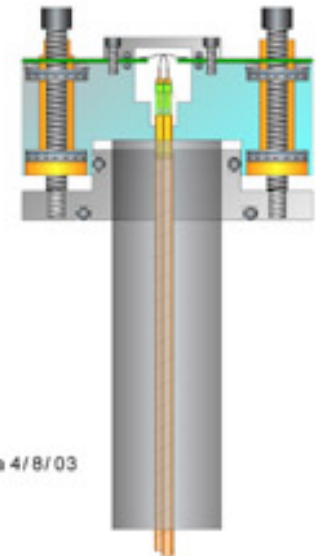
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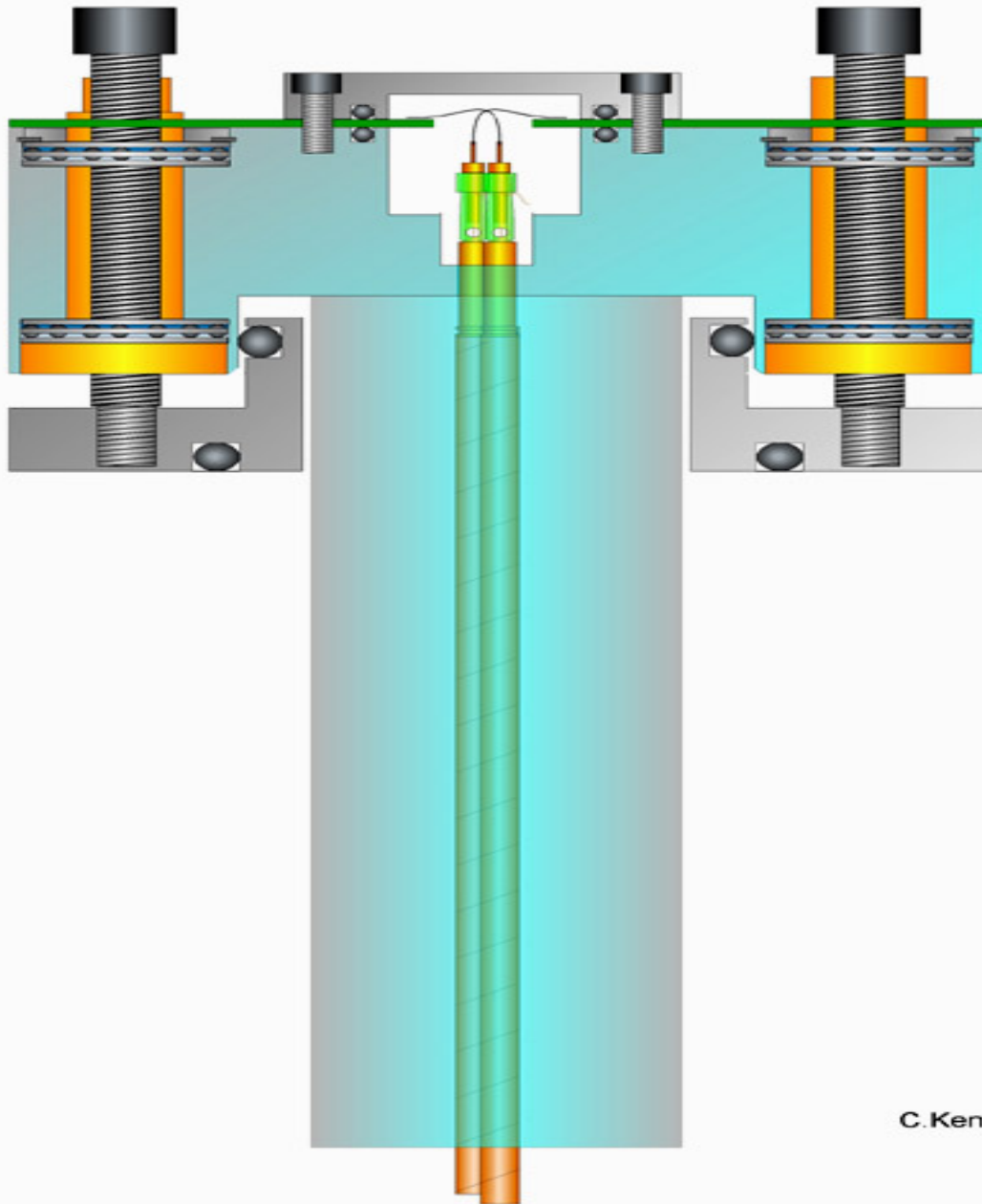


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Goal for this FY was to have an engineering design of full scale doublet (360 straws). This will be hard to meet for the following reasons:

**(1) Finite element analysis is being done for conceptual mechanical design.
This is a big job ! Goal of F.E.A.:**

- How much does chamber distort under its own weight and internal tensions (due to straw and wires) ? Order 3 mils is o.k.**
- How much does vacuum tank distort chamber ?**

(2) We've been slow to be quantitative about how straw would fail (leak)

A leaking straw can:

- (1) stop physics running.**
- (2) potential to damage vacuum turbo pumps**
- (3) potentially damage a straw plane by causing pressure gradient across straw plane:**

2.2 milli-Torr across straw plane will force straw out of position by 100 μm (kills resolution)

44 milli-Torr across straw plane will force straw to hit sense wire

- We've been doing some crude estimates for various assumed leak rates**
- We're setting up to measure how a straw might actually leak.**
- There are several coping mechanisms available: limiting orifices, suitable arrangement of vacuum ports, rapid pump-down of leaking chamber**